

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/782,821
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AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS:

Drawing FIG. 6 is amended to change S_k to S_k' . A replacement drawing sheet is enclosed.

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REMARKS

Claims 1, 6 and 11 are amended in order to more clearly define the claimed invention. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is entered. It is believed that this amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2008.

In the Office action, Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraph. Reconsideration and removal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

As indicated above, the Specification and Claims 1, 6 and 11 are amended. It is believed that the amendments address and overcome the rejections. Removal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

It is believed that Claims 1-11 are now in condition for allowance.

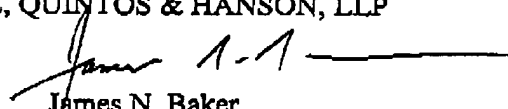
If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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